

## **Perch Base Minutes September 13, 2025**

The monthly meeting of Perch Base was held at Dillons Restaurant, Glendale, AZ at 12:00 hours, September 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Commander David Heighway.

Governor Joy gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Dave Heighway. The Tolling of the Boats lost in September was read by David Heighway.

Per the sailing list, the following attended the base meeting:

David Heighway	Hila Heighway	George Woods
Alice Woods	Chris Gahan	Georgiane Gahan
Dan Marks	Carl Miner	John Beckett
Rick Simmons	Randal Smith	Ken Kennedy
Don Robertson	Bob Gilmore	John Brown
CC Clarke	Paul Miller	George Williams
Joe Trotter	W. H. Doyle Jr.	Governor Joy
Brian Davis	Ed Henry	

The first item of business was a call for approval of the August 2025 meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which were seconded and approved by voice vote.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **Secretary-Ed Henry**

Nothing to report

#### **Treasurer-Kevin Sheehan (absent) (Paul Miller presented)**

Perch Base Operations - \$15,704.58

Perch Base Foundation – 7,203.82

#### **Past Commander– George Woods**

Western Region Round-up 2026

Sam's Town Resort and Casino 14 – 16 April 2026

Future National Conventions

2026 Corpus Christi, TX

2027 Reno, NV

#### **Vice Commander – Don Robertson**

Nothing to report.

#### **Storekeeper – John Beckett**

John passed out the US Navy 250 Anniversary Coins to those who signed up. Stated he is waiting for Tuscon Base input for ordering USSVI Calendars.

#### **Chief of The Boat – Kirby Anderson**

Nothing to report.

#### **Communications – Chris Gahan**

Chris reported that the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) will hold their annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony/dinner on October 24, 2025 at the Talking Stick Resort Conference Center.

Provided an updated status on the construction of the Fischer House.

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services awarded the Phoenix VA Hospital a 5 Star Hospital Rating for 2025.

Reminded all that the Navy Birthday Ball will be hosted on October 12, 2025, at the Embassy Suites, Tempe.

#### **Webmaster – Dan Marks**

Provided a brief update of website visitors stating that again, the #1 page visited was the “No Whiners” Chit.

#### **Historian- Chuck Emmett (absent)**

No report

#### **Membership – Paul Miller**

Membership is 164.

Provided a short overview of the Membership page on the Perch Base website. Membership letters will be sent by 22 October. There will be an early bird membership raffle for those members responding by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Provided a short overview of the USSVI's Membership Incentive Program.

#### **Chaplain – Governor Joy**

No report

#### **Events Coordinator – CC Clarke**

November 8 – Daily Mountain Parade in Anthem

November 11 – Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

January 17, 2026 – Perch Base Awards Banquet

#### **Holland Club Induction Ceremony**

George Woods presided over the induction ceremony for John Manning, Qualified in Submarines onboard USS Croaker (SSK-246) in 1964.

#### **Old Business**

No old Business.

#### **New Business / Good of the Order**

Vice Commander Don Robertson's "Boat of the Month" presentation highlighted the accomplishments of the crew of the USS Blenny (SS 324) which served during WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. The intent is to continue to highlight a different boat's accomplishments at the monthly General Meetings.

New USSVI Website scheduled to be online 1Q 2026.

#### **BINNACLE LIST**

Lori Joy  
Chuck Emmett  
Curtis Morgan  
W H Doyle Jr.

Mary Denzien  
DeWayne Lober  
Richard Simmons

James Denzien  
Chuck Luna  
Davy Jones

#### **50/50**

Drawing results: The 50-50 raffle (\$80) was won by Paul Miller who donated his winning to the Perch Base Foundation. Final count of \$40.00 went to the Perch Base Fund and \$40.00 went to the Perch Base Foundation.

#### **Rattle Can**

Proceeds to USSVI National Foundation at a total of. \$56.00.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

Benediction was led by Governor Joy. The meeting adjourned at. 13:10 pm.

#### **Submitted:**

**Ed Henry**

**Secretary Perch Base**